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CONSTRUCTION TO START ON A GWINNETT COUNTY AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ROAD PROJECT

SUWANEE, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces construction will begin this morning on the extension of McGinnis Ferry Road funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in Gwinnett County.

The project will build a four lane divided highway from the current end of McGinnis Ferry Road across Interstate 85 to Lawrenceville Suwanee Road. Crews will begin work for this 2.67 mile long project this morning if weather permits.

The estimated construction cost is \$20.4 million. The completion date for the project is September 30, 2011. E. R. Snell Contractor, Inc of Snellville is the projects contractor.

Georgia DOT is responsible for 70 percent of Georgia's \$932 million in highway system ARRA funds. The remaining 30 percent is divided among the state's 15 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and designated rural areas. The MPOs, in conjunction with the Department, are funding projects from these respective allocations. The state also received \$144 million in stimulus funds for public transit and Georgia DOT has awarded related local grants totaling approximately \$39 million. Georgia is eligible for additional highway, rail and aviation grants from funds totaling \$12.1 billion.

The ARRA is a national effort to create jobs and transform America's economy to compete in the 21st century. Nationwide, some \$48 billion in stimulus investments are being made in transportation infrastructure, including highways, public transit, high speed rail and aviation. Georgia DOT has created a Web page (www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus) devoted to stimulus activities to provide specific program information and promote transparency of the process.

All selected ARRA stimulus projects are fully funded by the federal government; no state or local matching funds are required.

Georgia DOT costs estimates are projections of the possible total cost of a project to the Department. Estimates are tentative and preliminary. They include, but are not limited to, items such as contingencies, possible costs associated with utility conflicts, project inspections, testing and engineering. These are potential costs to the Department, not to a project's contractor; thus, they will not be reflected in contractor bids.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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